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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Environment and sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

(d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa;

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(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. At its 30th plenary meeting, on 13 October, following a request by the Chairman of the Second Committee (see A/49/483 and A/49/494), the General Assembly decided that, while action on sub-items (d) and (e) would be taken in the Second Committee, the debate on those sub-items would be held directly in plenary meeting.

3. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 13th to 16th meetings, from 19 to 21 October 1994. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.13-16). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 7 and from 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/49/SR.3-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report.

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fourth special session (A/49/223-E/1994/105);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (A/49/469);

(c) Letter dated 6 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué of the fourth meeting of the Summit-level Group for South-South Consultation and Cooperation, held at New Delhi from 28 to 30 March 1994 (A/49/119);

(d) Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial statement on an agenda for development, adopted by the Group of 77 on 24 June 1994 (A/49/204-E/1994/90);

(e) Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration adopted on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Group of 77 (A/49/205-E/1994/91);

(f) Letter dated 11 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Bridgetown from 4 to 7 July 1994 (A/49/229);

(g) Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a message

from the President of Tunisia and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity to the Heads of State and Government of the Group of Seven (A/49/256);

(h) Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final statement of the twelfth session of the Interaction Council, held at Dresden, Germany, from 7 to 10 June 1994 (A/49/307-S/1994/958);

(i) Letter dated 5 September 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the Twenty-fifth South Pacific Forum, held at Brisbane, Australia, from 31 July to 2 August 1994 (A/49/381);

(j) Letter dated 3 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration of the Group of 77, adopted on 30 September 1994 (A/49/462 and Corr.1);

(k) Letter dated 30 September 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of African Unity in New York on 29 September 1994 (A/49/479);

(l) Letter dated 11 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, adopted in New York on 4 October 1994 (A/49/506);

(m) Letter dated 17 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 October 1994 (A/49/532-S/1994/1179);

(n) Letter dated 27 October 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting information prepared by the Federal Ministry for Development, Science and Environment on the effects of sanctions on the environment in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (A/C.2/49/8);

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/49/463);

(b) Letter dated 11 January 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the inaugural meeting of the Caribbean Community-Cuba Joint Commission, held on 13 December 1993 (A/49/64);

(c) Letter dated 25 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents adopted by the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/287-S/1994/894 and Corr.1);

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Report of the Secretary-General (A/49/485);

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/49/522);

(b) Note verbale dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of Buenos Aires adopted on 9 June 1994 by the International Seminar on the Adoption of an Effective Regime for the Conservation of Living Resources in the Area Adjacent to the Exclusive Economic Zone (A/49/254);

(d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, on its third, fourth and fifth sessions (A/49/84 and Add.1 and 2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/49/477);

(c) Letter dated 4 October 1994 from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly (A/49/483);

(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a feasibility study undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme on the development of an information network for small island developing States (A/49/414);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/49/425 and Add.1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a feasibility study undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme on the development of a technical assistance programme for small island developing States (A/49/459);

(d) Letter dated 7 October 1994 from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly (A/49/494);

(e) Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, 25 April-6 May 1994 (A/CONF.167/9 and Corr.1 and 2). 1/

5. At the 13th meeting, on 19 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development and the Legal Counsel (see A/C.2/49/SR.13).

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). No action was taken under sub-item (a).

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND

Report of the Second Committee (Part III)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on sub-item (b) was considered at the 21st and 29th meetings, on 8 and 23 November 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.21 and 29).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.9

2. At the 21st meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (A/C.2/49/L.9).

3. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and orally revised the third preambular paragraph by replacing the words "Welcoming the offer" with the

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words "Reaffirming its deep appreciation for an acceptance of the generous offer".

4. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement pertaining to the conference servicing implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.9, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Algeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/212 of 21 December 1990, 47/195 of 22 December 1992 and 48/189 of 21 December 1993,

Taking note of the reports of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on its sixth to tenth sessions, 1/ as well as the report of the Secretary-General on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind, 2/

Reaffirming its deep appreciation for and acceptance of the generous offer of the Government of Germany to host the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995,

1. Welcomes the entry into force, on 21 March 1994, of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 3/ and notes with satisfaction that a large number of States and one regional economic integration organization have taken action to ratify the Convention, and calls upon other States to take appropriate action to that end;

1/ A/AC.237/24, 31, 41, 55 and 76.

2/ A/49/485.

3/ A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

2. Urges the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change to complete fully, at its eleventh session, which is to be held from 6 to 17 February 1995 in New York, its plan of preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, if possible, in the week preceding the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, all necessary services to facilitate the adequate participation of all Member States in the consultation to be undertaken by the Chairman of the Committee during that week, as agreed by the Committee at its tenth session;

4. Requests the head of the interim secretariat to continue to promote cooperation and coordination with other competent entities, including those of the United Nations system, in support of the effective implementation of the Convention, aimed in particular at facilitating timely financial and technical assistance to developing country parties to enable them to comply with their commitments under the Convention;

5. Takes note with appreciation of previous contributions made and invites additional contributions to the extrabudgetary funds established under paragraphs 10 and 20 of its resolution 45/212, and maintained in accordance with its resolution 47/195, as a means of ensuring that developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, as well as small island developing States, are able to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process and in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the arrangements within the current programme budget for the interim secretariat support for the Convention until 31 December 1995, to maintain the above-mentioned extrabudgetary funds;

7. Decides, in the same context, to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994-1995 the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties that the Conference may need to convene in 1995;

8. Decides to consider further the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" at its fiftieth session, taking account of the final report of the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, as requested in paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 47/195, and of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, and requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on any possible implications arising from the report of the Conference on its first session.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: SUSTAINABLE USE AND CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

Report of the Second Committee (Part IV)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on sub-item (c) was considered at the 17th and 29th meetings, on 31 October and 23 November 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.17 and 29).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.5

2. At the 17th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Fiji introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks" (A/C.2/49/L.15).

3. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

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4. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement pertaining to the conference-servicing implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.5 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/192 of 22 December 1992 and 48/194 of 21 December 1993, concerning the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made by the Conference at its third and fourth sessions in 1994, 1/

Taking note of the recommendation of the Conference to the General Assembly that it provide for the convening of two further sessions in 1995 to enable the Conference to complete its work, 2/

Convinced that the widest possible participation in the Conference is important to ensure its success,

1. Notes the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks at its previous sessions;

2. Approves the convening in New York of two further sessions of the Conference, from 27 March to 12 April 1995 and from 24 July to 4 August 1995, in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide services for those two sessions of the Conference, including facilities for holding two simultaneous meetings during the sessions;

4. Urges the Conference to complete its work before the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

1/ A/49/522.

2/ See A/CONF.164/25, para. 29, and A/49/522, paras. 24-26.

5. Renews its request to Governments and regional economic integration organizations to contribute to the voluntary fund established in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 47/192 for the purpose of assisting developing countries, especially those most concerned by the subject-matter of the Conference, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference, and expresses its appreciation for the contributions to the fund made so far;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the final report on the work of the Conference;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: report of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks".

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY AFRICA

Report of the Second Committee (Part V)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on sub-item (d) was considered at the 22nd and 32nd meetings, on 10 November and 7 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.22 and 32).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/49/L.13 AND L.30

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa" (A/C.2.49/L.13), which read:

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"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 44/172 of 19 December 1989, 44/228 of 22 December 1989 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions, and the recommendations made in Agenda 21, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

"Recalling also its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, by which it established the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, with a view to finalizing such a convention by June 1994,

"Recalling further its resolution 48/191 of 21 December 1993, by which it urged the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to complete its negotiations by June 1994,

"Noting that, in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 2/ adopted in Paris, on 17 June 1994, article 35 provides that secretariat functions will be carried out on an interim basis by the secretariat established by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/188 until the completion of the first session of the Conference of the Parties; and also noting that in paragraph 4 of its resolution 5/2, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee requested the Secretary-General to make proposals enabling the secretariat established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/188 to continue its activities on an interim basis, until the permanent secretariat of the Convention is designated by the Conference of the Parties, 3/

"Acknowledging with appreciation the support provided for the operation of the secretariat during 1994 by the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Sahelian Office, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations regional commissions, and bilateral contributors,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 48/191 and on possible requirements for

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1/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions Adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ See A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

3/ Ibid., appendix III.

intergovernmental and secretariat work on the implementation of the Convention and its regional annexes, 4/ and having also considered resolution 5/1 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on urgent action for Africa, 5/ in the period up to and including the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention,

"Considering the Convention one of the main steps in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

"1. Welcomes the adoption, on 17 June 1994, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and welcomes further the signing of the Convention in Paris on 14-15 October 1994 by a large number of States and one regional economic integration organization;

"2. Urges States that have not yet signed the Convention to do so during the present session of the General Assembly and no later than 13 October 1995, in conformity with article 33 of the Convention, and urges countries and organizations that have signed the Convention to proceed to its ratification so that it may enter into force as soon as possible;

"3. Invites signatories of the Convention, in addition to the information provided at the time of signature, to continue to communicate to the interim secretariat of the Convention information on actions undertaken or envisaged for the implementation of the provisions of resolution 5/1 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on urgent action for Africa; 5/

"4. Decides that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee shall continue to function in order:

"(a) To prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as specified in the Convention;

"(b) To facilitate and review progress being made in the implementation of the provisions of the resolution on urgent action for Africa;

"(c) To initiate measures relating to the identification of an organization to house the global mechanism for the mobilization and channelling of financial resources, including its operational modalities;

"(d) To elaborate the rules of procedure of the Conference of Parties;

"(e) To consider all other issues, including the implementation of the Convention and its regional annexes;

4/ A/49/477.

5/ A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix III.

"5. Decides also, for this purpose, to hold, in addition to a sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to be held in New York from 9 to 20 January 1995, a two-week session in Nairobi, from 7 to 18 August 1995, and to hold two further sessions in 1996 and one in 1997, the venue and timing of which shall be determined by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee;

"6. Invites the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in this regard, to adopt and implement expeditiously a plan of work for the period leading to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties and requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements within the overall calendar of conferences for the Committee to hold the forthcoming sessions;

"7. Requests all countries, the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, relevant subregional and regional organizations and appropriate scientific and business communities, trade unions, relevant non-governmental organizations and other interested groups to take action for the prompt implementation of the Convention and its relevant regional annexes upon its entry into force and in this regard to respond effectively to the needs of the developing regions - namely Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean;

"8. Urges all countries, the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, relevant subregional and regional organizations and all other relevant actors to take actions and measures for the full and effective implementation of the provisions of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee resolution 5/1 on urgent action for Africa; 5/

"9. Decides that the work of the Committee and the interim secretariat shall continue to be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities, and through voluntary contributions to the trust fund established, pursuant to its resolution 47/188, specifically for that purpose and administered by the head of the interim secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General, with the possibility of using the fund, as appropriate, to support the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Committee and of carrying over resources contributed from one fiscal year to the other;

"10. Notes the arrangements made by the Secretary-General and the contributions of the United Nations Development Programme, including the United Nations Sahelian Office, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, and other relevant international organizations active in the fields of desertification, drought and development to the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in the conduct of its mandate, and invites them to intensify and expand such support in the future;

"11. Welcomes the decision of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, following the adoption of the Convention, and in conformity with the provision of chapter 38, paragraph 27, of Agenda 21, 1/ that the Programme will support the implementation of the Convention world wide, with particular attention to Africa; and requests the Programme and the Sahelian Office to mobilize additional financial resources so as to be able to play that role more effectively;

"12. Notes with appreciation the contributions made thus far to the trust fund, and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to continue to make voluntary contributions to the fund to support the interim secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and the work of the Committee;

"13. Notes with appreciation the contributions made to the special voluntary fund established pursuant to its resolution 47/188 to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process, and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to continue to contribute generously to the fund so as to allow those countries to participate fully and effectively in the work of the Committee;

"14. Requests the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to submit progress reports on its work to the General Assembly, the Commission on Sustainable Development and other appropriate bodies of the United Nations;

"15. Requests also the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments, relevant specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations, international financial institutions, other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other relevant institutions;

"16. Requests further the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

"17. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session a sub-item entitled 'United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa' under the agenda item entitled 'Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development'."

3. At the 32nd meeting, on 7 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.30), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.13.

4. The Committee had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.30, submitted by the

Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/49/L.54).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.30 without a vote (see para. 8).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Benin (see A/C.2/49/SR.32).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.30, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/172 of 19 December 1989, 44/228 of 22 December 1989 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions, and the recommendations made in Agenda 21, 6/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recalling also its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, by which it established the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, with a view to finalizing such a convention by June 1994,

Recalling further its resolution 48/191 of 21 December 1993, by which it urged the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to complete its negotiations by June 1994,

Noting that, in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification,

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6/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions Adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

Particularly in Africa, 7/ adopted in Paris on 17 June 1994, article 35 provides that secretariat functions will be carried out on an interim basis by the secretariat established by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/188 until the completion of the first session of the Conference of the Parties; and also noting that, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 5/2, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee requested the Secretary-General to make proposals enabling the secretariat established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/188 to continue its activities on an interim basis, until the permanent secretariat of the Convention is designated by the Conference of the Parties, 8/

Acknowledging with appreciation the support provided for the operation of the secretariat during 1994 by the United Nations Development Programme, including the United Nations Sahelian Office, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and bilateral contributors,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of resolution 48/191 and possible requirements for intergovernmental and secretariat work on the implementation of the Convention and its regional annexes, 9/ and having also considered Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee resolution 5/1 concerning urgent action for Africa, in the period up to and including the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, 10/

Considering the Convention one of the main steps in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Welcomes the adoption, on 17 June 1994, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, and welcomes further the signing of the Convention in Paris on 14 and 15 October 1994 by a large number of States and one regional economic integration organization;

2. Urges States that have not yet signed the Convention to do so during the present session of the General Assembly and no later than 13 October 1995, in conformity with article 33 of the Convention, and urges States and organizations that have signed the Convention to proceed to its ratification so that it may enter into force as soon as possible;

7/ See A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

8/ Ibid., appendix III.

9/ A/49/477.

10/ See A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix III.

3. Invites signatories of the Convention, in addition to the information provided at the time of signature, to continue to communicate to the interim secretariat of the Convention information on actions taken or envisaged for the implementation of the provisions of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee resolution 5/1 on urgent action for Africa; 10/

4. Decides that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee shall continue to function in order:

(a) To prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as specified in the Convention;

(b) To facilitate the implementation of the provisions of Committee resolution 5/1 on urgent action for Africa, through the exchange of information and the review of progress made thereon;

(c) To initiate measures relating to the identification of an organization to house the global mechanism to promote actions leading to the mobilization and channelling of substantial financial resources, including its operational modalities;

(d) To elaborate the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To consider other relevant issues, including measures to ensure the implementation of the Convention and its regional annexes;

5. Decides also, for this purpose, to convene, in addition to the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, which is to be held in New York for up to two weeks from 9 January 1995, a two-week session in Nairobi, from 7 to 18 August 1995, and, pending the entry into force of the Convention, to convene further necessary sessions in 1996 and 1997, the venue and timing of which shall be recommended by the Committee;

6. Invites the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in this regard, to adopt and implement expeditiously a plan of work for the period leading to the first session of the Conference of the Parties and requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements within the overall calendar of conferences for the Committee to hold its forthcoming sessions;

7. Requests all States, the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, relevant subregional and regional organizations and appropriate scientific and business communities, trade unions, relevant non-governmental organizations and other interested groups to take action for the prompt implementation of the Convention and its relevant regional annexes upon its entry into force and in this regard to respond effectively to the needs in the African, Asian and Latin American and Caribbean regions;

8. Urges all States, the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, relevant subregional and regional organizations and all other relevant actors to take actions and measures for the full and effective implementation of the provisions of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee resolution 5/1 on urgent action for Africa; 10/

9. Decides that the work of the Committee and the interim secretariat shall continue to be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities, and through voluntary contributions to the trust fund established, pursuant to its resolution 47/188, specifically for that purpose and administered by the head of the interim secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General, with the possibility of using the fund, as appropriate, to support the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Committee and of carrying over resources contributed from one fiscal year to the other;

10. Notes the arrangements made by the Secretary-General and the contributions of the United Nations Development Programme, including the United Nations Sahelian Office, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Bank and other relevant international organizations active in the fields of desertification, drought and development to the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in pursuance of its mandate, and invites them to intensify and expand such support in the future;

11. Welcomes the proposal of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, following the adoption of the Convention, and in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 38.27 of Agenda 21, 6/ that the Programme support the implementation of the Convention world wide, with particular attention to Africa, and invites the Programme and the United Nations Sahelian Office to seek the necessary financial resources and other forms of support to be able to play that role more effectively;

12. Notes with appreciation the contributions made thus far to the trust fund, and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to continue to make voluntary contributions to the fund to support the interim secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and the work of the Committee;

13. Also notes with appreciation the contributions made to the special voluntary fund established pursuant to its resolution 47/188 to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process, and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to continue to contribute generously to the fund so as to allow those countries to participate fully and effectively in the work of the Committee;

14. Requests the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to submit progress reports on the Committee's work to the General Assembly, the Commission on Sustainable Development and other appropriate bodies of the United Nations;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments, relevant specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations, international financial institutions other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant institutions;

16. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, under the agenda item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development".

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

Report of the Second Committee (Part VI)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on sub-item (e) was considered at the 29th and 33rd meetings, on 23 November and 9 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration on the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.29 and 33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.37 AND Rev.1

2. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and Australia, China, Japan and New Zealand, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (A/C.2/49/L.37), which read:

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/49/729 and addenda.

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and in particular chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21, 1/ relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States,

"Recalling also its resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

"Recalling in particular its resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and 48/193 of 21 December 1993,

"Reaffirming that, because the development options of small island developing States are limited, there are special challenges to devising and implementing sustainable development plans, and that those States will be constrained in meeting those challenges without the cooperation of the international community,

"Having considered the report of the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which was held in Barbados from 25 April to 6 May 1994, including a high-level segment on 5 and 6 May, 2/

"Expressing its satisfaction that the Conference and its Preparatory Committee provided for the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies at a high level, and of observers, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations from all regions of the world,

"Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Barbados for the hospitality extended to the participants of the Conference and for the excellent facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

"1. Approves the report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; 2/

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 94.I.18 and corrigenda).

"2. Endorses the Declaration of Barbados 3/ and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 4/ as adopted at the Conference on 6 May 1994;

"3. Notes with satisfaction the summary of the high-level segment, which focused on the theme 'Forging partnerships for sustainable development'; 5/

"4. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to arrange for the public distribution of the Programme of Action in the appropriate manner and to ensure its wide dissemination;

"5. Calls upon all concerned to implement all commitments, agreements and recommendations reached at the Conference, by, among other measures, ensuring provision of the means of implementation under chapter XV of the Programme of Action;

"6. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action; 6/

"7. Urges Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take the action necessary for effective follow-up to the Programme of Action;

"8. Notes with appreciation the feasibility studies conducted by the United Nations Development Programme on the small island developing States technical assistance programme 7/ and on the small island developing States information network; 8/

"9. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to carry out its mandate as the lead agency in organizing the efforts of the United Nations system towards capacity-building at the local, national and regional levels and in fostering the United Nations collective thrust in

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3/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

4/ Ibid., annex II.

5/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 94.I.18 and corrigenda), annex III.

6/ A/49/425 and Add.1.

7/ A/49/459.

8/ A/49/414.

support of the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly through its network of country offices, and in that context:

"(a) To initiate the implementation of the technical assistance programme with the preparation of a directory, as specified in paragraph 106 of the Programme of Action, and undertake further consultation with small island developing States and other interested parties with a view to determining the most effective means of implementation of the technical assistance programme;

"(b) To coordinate further interregional and intraregional consultations between relevant technical experts of small island developing States and other interested States, which will further elaborate the information network and determine the most effective means of implementing it, taking into account the requirements of the technical assistance programme and the Programme of Action, with a view to commencing implementation before the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

"10. Calls upon the international community to give its full support to efforts to put the technical assistance programme and the information network into operation;

"11. Requests the Commission on Sustainable Development, in the context of its multi-year thematic programme and its annual consideration of cross-sectoral issues:

"(a) To monitor and review, in a distinct and identifiable manner, the implementation of the provisions agreed upon in the Programme of Action;

"(b) To carry out in 1996 an initial review of the progress achieved and the steps taken to implement the Programme of Action;

"(c) To recommend, in the context of the overall review of Agenda 21 in 1997, specific modalities for a full review in 1999 of the Programme of Action, including the question of convening a second global conference, in accordance with chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21;

"12. Requests the Secretary-General to enable the relevant regional commissions to support activities to coordinate the implementation of the outcome of the Conference at the regional and subregional levels, by, inter alia, providing the necessary autonomy and adequate resources to their subregional offices and operational centres, in accordance with paragraph 134 of the Programme of Action;

"13. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has a strengthened capacity to carry out, in accordance with its mandate, the research and analysis necessary to support the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"14. Further requests the Secretary-General to establish a clearly identifiable entity within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, with the resources and number

of qualified and competent professional and support staff necessary to undertake its broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 123 thereof;

"15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled 'Environment and sustainable development', a sub-item entitled 'Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States';

"16. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on action taken to implement the present resolution and on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and, in that regard, to invite those which have not already done so to consider the establishment of focal points and other similar mechanisms to enable them to respond effectively in the implementation of the Programme of Action."

3. At the same meeting, the representative of Germany made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 9 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), drew the Committee's attention to a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.37/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.37, as well as Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held thereon.

5. The Committee had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.37/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/49/L.60).

6. Before action was taken on the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), the United States of America, Trinidad and Tobago and Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) (see A/C.2/49/SR.33).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.37/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 9).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago and Belarus (see A/C.2/49/SR.33).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21, 9/ relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States,

Recalling also its resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and 48/193 of 21 December 1993,

Reaffirming that, because the development options of small island developing States are limited, there are special challenges to devising and implementing sustainable development plans, and that those States will be constrained in meeting such challenges without the cooperation of the international community,

Having considered the report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 10/ which was held at Bridgetown from 25 April to 6 May 1994 and included a high-level segment on 5 and 6 May 1994,

Expressing its satisfaction that the Conference and its Preparatory Committee provided for the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies at a high level, and also provided for the participation of observers, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations from all regions of the world,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Barbados for the hospitality extended to the participants of the Conference and for the excellent facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; 10/

9/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

10/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 94.I.18 and corrigenda).

2. Endorses the Declaration of Barbados, 11/ and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 12/ as adopted at the Conference on 6 May 1994;

3. Notes with satisfaction the summary of the high-level segment, 13/ which focused on the theme "Forging partnerships for sustainable development";

4. Calls upon Governments, as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to implement all commitments reached and recommendations made at the Conference and to take the action necessary for effective follow-up to the Programme of Action, including ensuring the provision of the means of implementation under chapter XV thereof;

5. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action; 14/

6. Welcomes, in particular, the progress made by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in identifying focal points and other similar mechanisms to coordinate the action they are taking to implement the Programme of Action;

7. Welcomes the preparation by the United Nations Development Programme of studies on the feasibility of developing a technical assistance programme 15/ and an information network 16/ for the small island developing States;

8. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to continue to carry out its mandate as the lead agency in organizing the efforts of the United Nations system towards capacity-building at the local, national and regional levels, as set forth in Agenda 21, and in fostering the United Nations collective thrust in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly through its network of country offices;

11/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

12/ Ibid., annex II.

13/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 94.I.18 and corrigenda), annex III.

14/ A/49/425 and Add.1.

15/ A/49/459, annex.

16/ A/49/414, annex.

9. Also invites the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To initiate the implementation of the technical assistance programme for small island developing States by preparing a directory, as specified in paragraph 106 of the Programme of Action, and undertake further consultation with small island developing States and other interested parties to determine the most effective means of implementation of the technical assistance programme;

(b) To coordinate further interregional and intraregional consultations between relevant technical experts of small island developing States and other interested States, agencies and relevant organizations to elaborate further the information network for small island developing States and determine the most effective means of implementing it, taking into account the requirements of the technical assistance programme and the Programme of Action;

10. Calls upon the international community to participate in the consideration of the feasibility studies through a process of consultation, with a view to supporting fully efforts to put the technical assistance programme and the information network into operation;

11. Requests the Commission on Sustainable Development:

(a) To make arrangements for monitoring and reviewing, in a distinct and identifiable manner, and in the context of its multi-year thematic programme and its annual consideration of cross-sectoral issues, the implementation of the provisions agreed upon in the Programme of Action;

(b) To carry out, in 1996, an initial review of the progress achieved and steps taken to implement the Programme of Action;

(c) To recommend, in the context of the overall review of Agenda 21 in 1997, specific modalities for a full review of the Programme of Action in 1999, including the question of convening a second global conference, in accordance with chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to enable the relevant regional commissions to support activities to coordinate the implementation of the outcome of the Conference at the regional and subregional levels by, inter alia, providing the necessary autonomy and adequate resources to their subregional offices and operational centres, in accordance with paragraph 134 of the Programme of Action, taking into account the decentralization process;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has a strengthened capacity to carry out, in accordance with its mandate, the research and analysis necessary to complement the work of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat with respect to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

14. Commends the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development for the efficient manner in which it serviced the preparations for and reporting on the Conference;

15. Further requests the Secretary-General to establish within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development a clearly identifiable entity with the resources and number of qualified and competent professional and support staff that are necessary to undertake its broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action, relying on the most efficient and cost-effective use of resources, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 123 of the Programme of Action;

16. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to arrange for the wide and effective dissemination of the Programme of Action;

17. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

18. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on action taken to implement the present resolution and on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and in that regard also requests the Secretary-General to invite those organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system which have not already done so to consider the establishment of focal points and other similar mechanisms to enable them to respond effectively in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

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Report of the Second Committee (Part VII)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on proposals not related to a specific sub-item was considered at the 21st, 25th, 28th to 32nd and 34th meetings, on 8, 15, 16, 23 and 29 November and on 1, 7 and 13 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.21, 25, 28-32 and 34).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.8 and L.58

2. At the 21st meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session" (A/C.2/49/L.8), which read:

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"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

"Recalling also its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 on institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

"Reaffirming the need for a balanced and integrated approach to environment and development issues, and the new global partnership for sustainable development initiated at the Conference,

"Having considered the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session, 1/ which was held in New York from 16 to 27 May 1994,

"1. Notes the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session and the recommendations contained therein;

"2. Welcomes the communications regarding the implementation of Agenda 21 2/ provided on a voluntary basis by a number of Governments and organizations at the second session of the Commission;

"3. Expresses its deep concern at the insufficient progress made towards the provision of new and additional financial resources and the transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries on concessional and preferential terms for the implementation of Agenda 21, and in that context reiterates its concern that official development assistance has decreased by 10 per cent since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

"4. Stresses the critical need for and importance of the provision of means of implementation to developing countries, especially those relating to new and additional financial resources and the transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries on concessional and preferential terms, in order to assist them in implementing Agenda 21 and other decisions of the Conference;

"5. Calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development, as the relevant forum, to promote the adoption of urgent steps to implement the chapters of Agenda 21 related to the crucial issue of unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, particularly in the developed

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1/ E/1994/33.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions Adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

countries, which not only constitute the major cause of the continued global environmental deterioration but also aggravate poverty and imbalances;

"6. Notes the work done so far by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade/World Trade Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the United Nations Environment Programme in the fields of trade, environment and sustainable development, underlines the need to ensure close cooperation and complementarity of work with the Commission on Sustainable Development, and recommends that the Commission, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Environment Programme be appropriately represented at the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization;

"7. Encourages, in addition to the participation of ministers of environment in the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the participation of ministers responsible for development planning, finance and trade in the high-level meetings of the Commission;

"8. Calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with chapter 38 of Agenda 21, to develop close and clear relationships with other international organizations and entities, such as the conferences of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 3/ the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 5/ and the Global Environment Facility in order to increase its effectiveness in monitoring the implementation of Agenda 21 and other decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

"9. Calls upon the international financial institutions and other international organizations to significantly increase their financial resources and technical support for developing countries, and to improve their delivery systems in order to more effectively and demonstrably implement Agenda 21;

"10. Recommends that the members of the international financial institutions take the necessary steps, through their respective governing bodies, to enable their programmes and activities to better reflect Agenda 21 in order to respond to the needs of developing countries;

"11. Endorses the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development to draw up a matrix of policy options and financial instruments

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3/ A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

4/ See United Nations Environment Programme, Convention on Biological Diversity (Environmental Law and Institutions Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

5/ A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

and mechanisms that would facilitate the formulation of optimal financing strategies for each of the sectoral clusters under review;

"12. Calls upon the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, in carrying out its mandate, to ensure that there is more transparency in its work by encouraging a more direct involvement of the members of the Board, in their expert capacity, in the informal meetings held during the Commission on Sustainable Development, as well as to arrange briefing sessions open to all interested parties to highlight the outcome of its meetings;

"13. Stresses the need to ensure balanced, transparent and coherent inter-sessional processes that are participatory in nature in order to facilitate the work of the ad hoc working groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

"14. Notes that major groups could play an important role in the implementation of Agenda 21, and encourages them to contribute to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

"15. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, relevant intergovernmental organizations, agencies, programmes and bodies both within and outside the United Nations system, and relevant non-governmental organizations."

3. At the 32nd meeting, on 7 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.58), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.8.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.58 without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I).

5. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community and Austria, Finland and Sweden), Ukraine, Belarus and Morocco (see A/C.2/49/SR.32).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.10 and Rev.1

7. At the 28th meeting, on 16 November, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Micronesia

(Federated States of), Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tajikistan, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Support for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Programme" (A/C.2/49/L.10), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Convinced that the continuing deterioration of the global environment at all levels, due to the impact of constantly increasing human activity, remains a serious concern requiring further attention, including enhanced awareness and intensified action,

"Recalling its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including Agenda 21, 2/

"Noting, in particular, chapter 25 of Agenda 21 entitled 'Children and youth in sustainable development', chapter 36 entitled 'Promoting education, public awareness and training', and chapter 40 entitled 'Information for decision-making', which call for greater efforts to involve youth, promote public awareness and enhance the collection and exchange of environmental data in support of the pursuit of sustainable development,

"Noting the recent entry into force of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 3/ and the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ the impending entry into force of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, 6/ and the recent successful conclusion of negotiations on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 5/ which require for their effective implementation much greater and more effective collection and exchange of relevant environmental data,

"Recalling also its resolution 48/192 of 21 December 1993 on strengthening international cooperation in the monitoring of global environmental problems,

"Convinced of the need to inspire the youth of the world with enthusiasm for the preservation and protection of the global environment, and to provide encouragement and support for their participation in that effort,

"1. Welcomes the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Programme initiated by the Government of the United States of America on 22 April 1994, which aims to enhance the collective awareness of individuals throughout the world concerning the environment,

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6/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.V.5.

increase scientific understanding of the Earth, and help all students reach the highest standards in science and mathematics education;

"2. Welcomes also the willingness expressed by many Governments to participate with the Government of the United States in shaping and carrying out the GLOBE initiative;

"3. Encourages Governments, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to take part, as appropriate, in the development and implementation of the GLOBE initiative, with full regard for sovereign national rights and interests and within the respective mandates of the organs, organizations and programmes concerned;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate account is taken of the GLOBE initiative in the efforts of the United Nations system to support the implementation of Agenda 21, particularly in the coordinating functions of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

"5. Requests also that the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in particular the Commission on Sustainable Development, take full account of the GLOBE initiative in reviewing and promoting the implementation of Agenda 21;

"6. Requests further that the Secretary-General consider identifying an appropriate point of contact within the United Nations Secretariat to facilitate United Nations support for the GLOBE initiative;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the efforts of the United Nations system to support the GLOBE initiative."

8. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of the United States orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 3, the words "including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization" were inserted after the words "United Nations system";

(b) Operative paragraphs 6 and 7 were replaced with the following:

"6. Invites Governments to report to the Commission on Sustainable Development on their participation in the GLOBE programme within the implementation of Agenda 21, especially with regard to chapters 25, 36 and 40".

9. At the 31st meeting, on 1 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and drew the Committee's attention to a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.10, joined by Kenya, Trinidad and

Tobago, Tunisia and Zambia. Subsequently, Cape Verde and Costa Rica also joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.17

11. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Dissemination of the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development" (A/C.2/49/L.17).

12. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised its operative paragraph 2 by inserting the words "to continue to ensure" before the words "that its principles".

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.17, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution III).

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Belarus (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.18

15. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer" (A/C.2/49/L.18).

16. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "which is responsible for filtering sunlight and preventing" were replaced with the words "which filters sunlight and prevents";

(b) In the second preambular paragraph, the words "its Executive Committee" were replaced with the words "the Executive Committee of its Multilateral Fund";

(c) The words "to be observed beginning in 1995" were added at the end of operative paragraph 1;

(d) In operative paragraph 3, the words "Calls upon" were replaced with the word "Invites";

(e) Operative paragraph 5, which read "Also requests the Secretary-General to assist in the implementation of the present resolution", was deleted.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.18, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution IV).

18. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Algeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.19

19. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought" (A/C.2/49/L.19).

20. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, the word "subregional" was inserted before the word "regional";

(b) In the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "and drought in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, adopted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa", were replaced with the words "in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, adopted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in Paris on 17 June 1994";

(c) In operative paragraph 2, the words "the effects of" were inserted after the words "international cooperation to combat desertification and";

(d) Operative paragraph 6, which read "Requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution", was deleted.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.19, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution V).

22. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Algeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/49/SR.30).

F. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.20

23. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, the Bahamas, Benin, Canada, Cape Verde, Ecuador, Eritrea, Fiji, Grenada, Indonesia, Maldives, the Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and the United States of America, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Belize, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guyana, Madagascar, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas" (A/C.2/49/L.20).

24. At the 32nd meeting, on 7 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) A new preambular paragraph was added after the fifth preambular paragraph, reading:

> "Reaffirming the rights and duties of coastal States to ensure proper conservation and management measures with respect to the living resources in zones under their national jurisdiction, in accordance with international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "to take measures" were inserted before the words "to ensure";

(c) In operative paragraph 2, the words ", including through financial and/or technical assistance," were inserted after the words "to support efforts".

25. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.20, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution VI).

26. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, China, Turkey and the United States of America (see A/C.2/49/SR.32).

G. Draft decision A/C.2/49/L.24

27. At the 28th meeting, on 16 November, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Morocco, New Zealand and the United States of America, introduced a draft decision entitled "Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas" (A/C.2/49/L.24). Subsequently, Argentina, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Singapore and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

28. At the 32nd meeting, on 7 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft decision and orally revised subparagraph (c) as follows:

(a) The words "the measures taken and" were inserted before the words "the progress made";

(b) The words "to ensure that their nationals and fishing vessels comply" were replaced with the words "to ensure full compliance";

(c) The words "sanctions against their nationals and fishing vessels that act" were replaced with the words "sanctions, consistent with international law, against acts".

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/49/L.24, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 44, draft decision I).

30. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Mexico made a statement (see A/C.2/49/SR.32).

H. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1

31. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1), and orally revised the third preambular paragraph by replacing the words "Deeply concerned about the alarmingly high rate of loss of biological diversity" with the words "Deeply concerned by the alarmingly high rate of loss of biological diversity, and determined to spare no effort for the conservation of biological diversity".

32. At the 31st meeting, on 1 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In the third preambular paragraph, the words "Deeply concerned by the alarmingly high rate of loss of biological diversity, and determined to spare no effort for the conservation of biological diversity" were replaced with the words "Deeply concerned by the continuing loss of the world's biological diversity and, on the basis of the provisions of the Convention, reiterating the commitment to the conservation of biological diversity";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the word "Requests" was replaced with the word "Invites";

(c) In operative paragraph 4, the words "through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council" were inserted after the words "to report".

33. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution VII).

34. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Algeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/49/SR.31).

I. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.50 and Rev.1

35. At the 31st meeting, on 1 December, the representative of the United States of America introduced a draft resolution entitled "Fisheries bycatch and discards and their impact on the sustainable use of the world's living marine resources" (A/C.2/49/L.50), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 7/ calls upon States to take into consideration the effects on associated or dependent species when establishing conservation and management measures for target fisheries,

"Recalling that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development agreed to promote the development and use of selective fishing gears and practices that minimize waste in the catch of target fish species and minimize bycatch of non-target species, both fish and non-fish species, 8/

"Further recalling that earlier in 1992 the International Conference on Responsible Fishing held in Cancun, Mexico, also agreed to this later goal, 9/

"Also noting that the 1992 World Fisheries Conference in Athens discussed various aspects of the fisheries discard issue,

"Recalling the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on fisheries bycatch and discards in the development of an International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing,

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7/ Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

8/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions Adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

9/ See A/CONF.151/15.

"Also recalling that the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks is considering provisions on fisheries bycatch and discards in the draft agreement it is preparing,

"1. Believes the issue of bycatch and discards in fishing operations warrants immediate attention by the international community;

"2. Further believes an effective response to addressing fisheries bycatch and discards is necessary to ensure the continued long-term and sustainable development of fisheries on a regional and global basis;

"3. Invites regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements to review the impact of bycatch and discards on the sustainable use of the living marine resources within their areas of competence;

"4. Invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to formulate bycatch reduction provisions in its International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing;

"5. Urges the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks to incorporate fisheries bycatch and discards provisions in its agreement;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session consideration of this question under the item entitled 'Environment and sustainable development'."

36. At the 34th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution and drew the Committee's attention to a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.50/Rev.1) submitted by Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America, joined subsequently by the Marshall Islands and Suriname.

37. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.50/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution VIII).

38. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Panama and the United States of America (see A/C.2/49/SR.34).

J. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.77

39. At the 34th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Day for Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/49/L.77).

40. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine and Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) (see A/C.2/49/SR.34).

41. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.77 without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution IX).

K. Documents relating to environment and sustainable development

42. At its 34th meeting, on 13 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the reports under the item on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 44, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

43. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recalling also its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 on the institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Reaffirming the need for a balanced and integrated approach to environment and development issues and the new global partnership for sustainable development initiated at the Conference,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session, 10/ which was held in New York from 16 to 27 May 1994,

Taking into account the recent national, subregional, regional and interregional efforts and initiatives to promote sustainable development,

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10/ E/1994/33, to be issued in final form as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 13 (E/1994/33/Rev.1).

1. Takes note of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session 10/ and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

2. Welcomes the communications regarding the implementation of Agenda 21 2/ and the action taken in many countries towards elaborating, as appropriate, national sustainable development strategies and action plans provided on a voluntary basis by a number of Governments and organizations at the second session of the Commission, and encourages Governments to continue to share among themselves their experiences in the implementation of Agenda 21;

3. Underlines the importance of preparing and carrying out national sustainable development strategies, programmes or action plans, as the case may be, and to that end calls for provision of financial resources and transfer of technology;

4. Notes the ongoing work on the elaboration of sustainable development indicators;

5. Expresses its deep concern that the financial recommendations and commitments of Agenda 21, including those regarding official development assistance, despite an increase in private investment in some countries, are short of expectations and requirements and that the current availability of financial resources for sustainable development and the limited provision of adequate and predictable new and additional financial resources will constrain the effective implementation of Agenda 21 and could undermine the basis of the global partnership for sustainable development and, in this context, expresses its concern that overall official development assistance has even decreased since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; 11/

6. Stresses the critical need for and importance of the provision of means of implementation, in particular to developing countries, especially those relating to new and additional financial resources and the transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed, in order to assist them in implementing Agenda 21 and other decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

7. Also stresses the role of the Commission on Sustainable Development, as a unique international forum for fostering multilateral negotiations and promoting action in the area of changing consumption and production patterns, calls on the Commission to promote the adoption of urgent steps to implement the relevant chapters of Agenda 21 related to the crucial issue of unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, particularly in the developed countries, which not only constitute the major cause of continued global environmental deterioration but also aggravate poverty and imbalances, and, in that context, reiterates that national authorities should endeavour to promote the internalization of environmental costs and the use of economic instruments,

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11/ The report of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development shows a decrease by 10 per cent in official development assistance.

taking into account that the polluter should, in principle, bear the costs of pollution;

8. Notes the work done so far by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade/World Trade Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Environment Programme in the fields of trade, environment and sustainable development, underlines the need to ensure close cooperation and complementarity of work with the Commission on Sustainable Development, and recommends that the Commission, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations continue to be appropriately represented at the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization;

9. Stresses the importance of the decisions adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development, inter alia, on health, human settlements, freshwater, toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes, as concrete steps in the implementation of the sectoral clusters of Agenda 21;

10. Encourages the continuing participation of ministers in the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including those responsible for development, planning, finance and trade in the high-level meetings of the Commission;

11. Calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with chapter 38 of Agenda 21, to develop close and clear relationships with other relevant international organizations and entities, such as the conferences of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 3/ the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 5/ and the Global Environment Facility, in order to increase its effectiveness in monitoring the implementation of Agenda 21 and other decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

12. Urges the international community, in particular the donor countries, to make efforts to strengthen further the funding capacity of international financial institutions, regional banks and other international organizations, and emphasizes that greater efforts need to be made by them effectively and demonstrably to provide resources for the implementation of Agenda 21;

13. Recommends that members of international financial institutions take the necessary steps, through their respective governing bodies, to ensure that their programmes and activities better reflect Agenda 21, particularly in order to respond to the needs of developing countries;

14. Endorses the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development to draw up a matrix of policy options and financial instruments and mechanisms that would facilitate the formulation of optimal financing strategies for each of the sectoral clusters under review;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to promote further the involvement of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development in the work of the Commission, through more direct involvement of the members of the Board, in their expert capacity, in the informal meetings of the Commission and in its inter-sessional meetings, as well as to arrange briefing sessions open to all interested parties to highlight the outcome of the Board's meetings, with a view to increasing the transparency of its work, and improving communication and interchange between the Board and the Commission;

16. Underlines the need for balanced, transparent and coherent inter-sessional processes, which are participatory in nature, to facilitate the work of the Commission and its ad hoc working groups, and expresses its appreciation to the various inter-sessional initiatives of national Governments and international organizations;

17. Also underlines the need for an effective follow-up to the decisions taken by the Commission at its second session, and notes the commitments expressed by members to follow up their inter-sessional initiatives in order to contribute to a comprehensive review of Agenda 21 in 1997;

18. Notes the indispensable role that major groups play in the implementation of Agenda 21, and encourages them to contribute to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

19. Also notes the work of the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its task managers, and invites the Secretary-General to make reports of the Committee available to the Commission;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, relevant intergovernmental organizations, agencies, programmes and bodies within and outside the United Nations system, and relevant non-governmental organizations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Support for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Programme

The General Assembly,

Convinced that the continuing deterioration of the global environment at all levels, due to the impact of constantly increasing human activity, remains a serious concern requiring further attention, including enhanced awareness and intensified action,

Recalling its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including Agenda 21, 2/

Taking note, in particular, of chapter 25 of Agenda 21 entitled "Children and youth in sustainable development", chapter 36 entitled "Promoting education,

public awareness and training", and chapter 40 entitled "Information for decision-making", which call for greater efforts to involve youth, promote public awareness and enhance the collection and exchange of environmental data in support of the pursuit of sustainable development,

Noting the recent entry into force of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 3/ and the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 7/ and the recent successful conclusion of negotiations on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 5/ which require for their effective implementation much greater and more effective collection and exchange of relevant environmental data,

Recalling its resolution 48/192 of 21 December 1993 on strengthening international cooperation in the monitoring of global environmental problems,

Convinced of the need to inspire the youth of the world with enthusiasm for the conservation, preservation and protection of all aspects of the global environment and in the pursuit of sustainable development, and to provide encouragement and support for their participation in that effort,

1. Welcomes the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Programme initiated by the Government of the United States of America on 22 April 1994, which aims to enhance the collective awareness of individuals throughout the world concerning the environment, increase scientific understanding of the Earth and help all students reach the highest standards in science and mathematics education;

2. Also welcomes the willingness expressed by many Governments to participate in shaping and carrying out the GLOBE initiative;

3. Encourages Governments, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to take part, as appropriate, in the development and implementation of the GLOBE initiative, with full regard for sovereign national rights and interests and within the respective mandates of the organs, organizations and programmes concerned, including in the pursuit of sustainable development;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate account is taken of the GLOBE initiative in the efforts of the United Nations system to support the implementation of Agenda 21, 2/ particularly in the coordinating functions of the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

5. Requests that the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in particular the Commission on Sustainable Development, take full account of the GLOBE initiative, within the context of sustainable development, in reviewing and promoting the implementation of Agenda 21;

6. Invites Governments to communicate information to the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191, on their participation in the GLOBE programme within the implementation of Agenda 21, especially with regard to its chapters 25, 36 and 40.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Dissemination of the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development

The General Assembly,

Reiterating that the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 12/ contains fundamental principles for the achievement of sustainable development, based on a new and equitable global partnership, and reaffirming Agenda 21, 2/

Conscious of the fact that dissemination of the principles contained in the Declaration will contribute to increasing public awareness of the need to take a balanced and integrated approach to development and environment questions,

Aware of the fact that dissemination of the principles contained in the Declaration can stimulate increased national and international efforts to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries,

Taking into account its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, in particular its paragraph 4 (a), in which it recommended that the Commission on Sustainable Development promote the incorporation of the principles of the Declaration in the implementation of Agenda 21, and recalling paragraphs 32 and 42 of chapter I of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session, 13/

Recalling its resolution 48/190 of 21 December 1993 and noting that the ministers and other participants at the high-level meetings of the first and second sessions of the Commission emphasized the need to promote broad dissemination of the principles of the Declaration at all levels with a view to promoting public awareness regarding sustainable development, 14/

1. Urges all Governments to promote widespread dissemination at all levels of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;

12/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio do Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions Adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex I.

13/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 5 (E/1993/25/Rev.1), part two.

14/ Ibid., chap. II, para. 17, and E/1994/33, chap. II.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Declaration is widely disseminated by the competent organs and bodies of the United Nations system and to continue to ensure that its principles are incorporated in their programmes and processes, in accordance with paragraphs 32 and 42 of chapter I of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

The General Assembly,

Considering the urgent need to preserve the ozone layer, which filters sunlight and prevents the adverse effects of ultraviolet radiation reaching the Earth's surface, thereby preserving life on the planet,

Highlighting the importance of the implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, concluded at Montreal on 16 September 1987, and its subsequent amendments, and the relevant role played by the Executive Committee of its Multilateral Fund,

Recognizing the strong commitment shown by signatory States and States parties to the Montreal Protocol, as well as by various concerned non-governmental organizations,

1. Proclaims 16 September the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date, in 1987, on which the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was signed, to be observed beginning in 1995;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure the successful observance of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer;

3. Invites all Member States to devote this special day to promotion, at the national level, of concrete activities in accordance with the objectives and goals of the Montreal Protocol and its amendments;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations on ways and means by which the United Nations system can, without prejudice to ongoing activities, raise and make available the necessary resources, with a view to cooperating with Member States on the organization and promotion of various activities with respect to the observance of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of chapter 12 of Agenda 21, 2/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Considering that the promotion of action to implement the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 5/ requires public awareness at local, national, subregional, regional and international levels,

Acknowledging that desertification and drought are problems of global dimension in that they affect all regions of the world and that joint action by the international community is needed to combat desertification and drought, particularly in Africa,

Recognizing the importance and necessity of international cooperation and partnership in combating desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, adopted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in Paris on 17 June 1994,

Recognizing also the strong commitment of the international community to implementing the Convention 5/ and its regional implementation annexes,

1. Decides to proclaim 17 June World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, to be observed beginning in 1995;

2. Invites all States to devote the World Day to promoting public awareness through the publication and diffusion of documentaries, and the organization of conferences, round-table meetings, seminars and expositions relating to international cooperation to combat desertification and the effects of drought and the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 5/ and its regional implementation annexes;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to make recommendations on ways and means by which the United Nations Secretariat could assist Member States, upon their request, in organizing their national activities for the observance of the World Day;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of the observance by the United Nations of the World Day;

5. Invites all relevant United Nations bodies, within their mandates, and non-governmental organizations to promote World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas

The General Assembly,

Inviting all members of the international community, particularly those with fishing interests, to strengthen their cooperation in the conservation and management of living marine resources in accordance with international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 7/

Recalling Agenda 21, 2/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular its chapter 17, concerning the sustainable development and conservation of the marine living resources of areas under national jurisdiction,

Recalling also the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 15/ adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, in particular chapter 4, concerning the sustainable development and conservation of the coastal and marine resources of areas under national jurisdiction,

Noting that, in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 12/ the international community recognized that the special situation and needs of developing countries, particularly the least developed and those most environmentally vulnerable, should be given special priority,

Expressing deep concern at the detrimental impact of unauthorized fishing in zones under national jurisdiction, where the overwhelming proportion of the global fish catch is harvested, on the sustainable development of the world's fishery resources and on the food security and economies of many States, particularly the developing countries,

Reaffirming the rights and duties of coastal States to ensure proper conservation and management measures with respect to the living resources in zones under their national jurisdiction, in accordance with international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Taking note of recent discussions, at the international, regional and subregional levels, on fishery conservation and management measures, and on compliance with and enforcement thereof,

1. Calls upon States to take the responsibility, consistent with their obligations under international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 7/ to take measures to ensure that no fishing

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15/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda).

vessels entitled to fly their national flag fish in zones under the national jurisdiction of other States unless duly authorized by the competent authorities of the coastal State or States concerned; such authorized fishing operations should be carried out in accordance with the conditions set out in the authorization;

2. Calls upon development assistance organizations to make it a high priority to support efforts, including through financial and/or technical assistance by the developing coastal States, in particular the least developed countries and the small island developing States, to improve the monitoring and control of fishing activities, and the enforcement of fishing regulations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, relevant intergovernmental organizations, the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, regional and subregional fisheries bodies, and relevant non-governmental organizations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, a report on the steps taken and on problems encountered in the implementation of the present resolution, and thereafter as may be determined by the Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Convention on Biological Diversity

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/

Recalling also Agenda 21, 2/ particularly its chapter 15, on the conservation of biological diversity, and related chapters,

Deeply concerned by the continuing loss of the world's biological diversity and, on the basis of the provisions of the Convention, reiterating the commitment to the conservation of biological diversity, and the sustainable use of its components, as well as the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources,

1. Welcomes the early entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ and the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held at Nassau from 28 November to 9 December 1994;

2. Invites the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to make available the results of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention as a contribution to the work of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

3. Calls upon those States which have not yet ratified the Convention to expedite their internal procedures of ratification, acceptance or approval;

4. Decides to consider the progress achieved in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", and invites the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to report, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the results of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Fisheries bycatch and discards and their impact on the sustainable use of the world's living marine resources

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that in relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 7/ States are called upon to take into consideration, when establishing conservation and management measures for target fisheries, the effects on associated or dependent species, taking into account the best scientific evidence available,

Recalling that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, and the International Conference on Responsible Fishing, held in Cancún, Mexico, also in 1992, agreed to promote the development and use of selective fishing gears and practices that minimized waste in the catch of target fish species and minimized bycatch of non-target fish and non-fish species,

Recalling also that the World Fisheries Conference, held in Athens in 1992, discussed various aspects of the fisheries discard issue,

Noting the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on fisheries bycatch and discards in the development of an international code of conduct for responsible fishing and the fact that the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks is considering provisions on fisheries bycatch and discards,

Recognizing the efforts that international organizations and members of the international community have made to reduce bycatch and discards in fishing operations and the need for continued international cooperation in this field,

Recognizing also that improvements in monitoring and assessing bycatch and discards and in bycatch reduction techniques continue to be necessary,

1. Notes the important role that fisheries play in contributing to a sustainable food supply and livelihood of present and future generations;

2. Believes that the issue of bycatch and discards in fishing operations warrants serious attention by the international community;

3. Also believes that a continued and effective response to the issue of addressing fisheries bycatch and discards is necessary so as to ensure the long-

term and sustainable development of fisheries, taking into account the relevant principles contained in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development; 12/

4. Invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to formulate fisheries bycatch and discard provisions in its international code of conduct for responsible fishing, taking into account work being done elsewhere;

5. Invites the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks to elaborate fisheries bycatch and discard provisions, taking into account work being done elsewhere;

6. Invites relevant subregional and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to review, within their respective competences, the impact of fisheries bycatch and discards on the sustainable use of living marine resources, taking into account, as appropriate, the relevant deliberations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with respect to the international code of conduct for responsible fishing and the relevant deliberations of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

7. Decides to consider this question at its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development".

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

International Day for Biological Diversity

The General Assembly

1. Welcomes the recommendation of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held at Nassau from 28 November to 9 December 1994, to designate 29 December International Day for Biological Diversity;

2. Proclaims 29 December, the date of the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ International Day for Biological Diversity;

3. Requests the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to take all steps necessary to ensure the successful observance of International Day for Biological Diversity.

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44. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 48/445 of 21 December 1993, and taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, 16/ decides:

(a) To reaffirm the importance it attaches to compliance with its resolution 46/215 of 20 December 1991, in particular, to those provisions of the resolution calling for full implementation of a global moratorium on all large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing on the high seas of the world's oceans and seas, including enclosed seas and semi-enclosed seas;

(b) To acknowledge and express its appreciation of the measures taken and the substantial progress achieved since 1992, individually and collectively, by members of the international community, international organizations and regional economic integration organizations to implement and support the objectives of its resolution 46/215;

(c) To express further serious concern that, despite the measures taken and the progress made, there are reports of continuing conduct and activities inconsistent with the terms of its resolution 46/215, and to urge authorities of members of the international community to take greater enforcement responsibility to ensure full compliance with resolution 46/215 and to impose appropriate sanctions, consistent with international law, against acts contrary to the terms of the resolution;

(d) To call upon all members of the international community, intergovernmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations and appropriate non-governmental organizations to provide the Secretary-General with information relevant to the implementation of resolution 46/215, and to request the Secretary-General to take into account the present decision in preparing his report, in accordance with decision 48/445, on further developments relating to the implementation of resolution 46/215.

DRAFT DECISION II

Documents relating to environment and sustainable development

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious

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16/ A/49/469.

Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, on its third, fourth and fifth sessions; 17/

(b) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fourth special session; 18/

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. 19/

17/ A/49/84 and Add.1 and 2.

18/ A/49/223-E/1994/105.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Operational activities for development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 9th, 17th, 31st and 34th meetings, on 14 and 31 October and on 1 and 13 December 1994. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.9, 17, 31 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 7 and from 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/49/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/49/326);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of United Nations system organizations: a more unitary approach" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/49/133-E/1994/49 and Add.1);

(c) Letter dated 3 February 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint statement on the establishment of the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme (A/49/71);

(d) Letter dated 6 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué issued at the Fourth Meeting of the Summit-level Group for South-South Consultations (Group of Fifteen), held at New Delhi from 28 to 30 March 1994 (A/49/119);

(e) Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial statement on an agenda for development, adopted by the Group of 77 of 24 June 1994 (A/49/204-E/1994/90);

(f) Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration adopted on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Group of 77 (A/49/205-E/1994/91);

(g) Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a message from the President of Tunisia and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity to the Heads of State and Government of the Group of Seven (A/49/256);

(h) Letter dated 5 September 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-fifth South Pacific Forum, held at Brisbane, Australia, from 31 July to 2 August 1994 (A/49/381);

(i) Letter dated 3 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration of the Group of 77, adopted on 30 September 1994 (A/49/462 and Corr.1);

(j) Letter dated 30 September 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of African Unity in New York on 29 September 1994 (A/49/479);

(k) Letter dated 23 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the twentieth regular meeting of the Latin American Council, held at Mexico City from 30 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/486);

(l) Letter dated 17 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 October 1994 (A/49/532-S/1994/1179).

4. At the 9th meeting, on 14 October, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/49/SR.9).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.4 and L.51

5. At the 17th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Development Programme" (A/C.2/49/L.4), which read:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "Reaffirming its resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations system and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related field, and recalling decision 94/15 of 10 June 1994 on the 1994 Human Development Report, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, 1/
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> "Recalling that the Human Development Report and the concepts contained therein, such as human security and sustainable human development, are the result of an independent intellectual exercise that should not lead to the introduction of conditionalities into the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,
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> "1. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, that the Human Development Report is independent and distinct from United Nations Development Programme operations;
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> "2. Asserts the need to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies, including the collection and sources of data, used in the Human Development Report, with a view to improving its quality and accuracy, without jeopardizing its intellectual independence;
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> "3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

6. At the 31st meeting, on 1 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Development Programme and the Human Development Report" (A/C.2/49/L.51), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.4.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.51 without a vote (see para. 10).

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15 (E/1994/35/Rev.1).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.51, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.4 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Documents relating to operational activities for development

9. At its 34th meeting, on 13 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the reports under the item on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 11).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Development Programme and the Human Development Report

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations system and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling that the Human Development Report is the result of an independent intellectual exercise and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States,

1. Affirms that the Human Development Report is a separate and distinct exercise which is not an official document of the United Nations and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;

2. Reaffirms decision 94/15 of 10 June 1994 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/ by which the Board welcomed the decision of the Administrator to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies used in the report with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the present resolution is reported to it within the context of the relevant

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2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15 (E/1994/35/Rev.1).

section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its substantive session of 1995.

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11. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents relating to operational activities for development

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children; 3/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of United Nations system organizations: a more unitary approach" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon. 4/

3/ A/49/326.

4/ A/49/133-E/1994/49 and Add.1.

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TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Training and research:

"(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

"(b) United Nations University"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 20th, 28th, 30th, 31st and 34th meetings, on 7, 16 and 29 November and 1 and 13 December 1994. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.20, 28, 30, 31 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 7 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/49/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 3 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting

the ministerial declaration of the Group of 77 adopted at its eighteenth annual Ministerial Meeting, held in New York on 30 September 1994 (A/49/462 and Corr.1);

(b) Letter dated 23 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Report of the XX regular meeting of the Latin American Council, held in Mexico City from 30 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/486);

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(a) Report of the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/207 (A/49/634);

(b) United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University. 2/

4. At the 20th meeting, on 7 November, the Rector of the United Nations University made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/49/SR.20).

5. At the 28th meeting, on 16 November, the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/49/SR.28).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.42

6. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Japan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.42) entitled "United Nations University" on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, joined subsequently by Andorra, Bolivia, Honduras, Hungary, Nigeria, the Russian Federation and Venezuela.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/49/14).

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/49/31).

7. At the 31st meeting, on 1 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally amended the text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the word "organizations" was replaced with the word "agencies";

(b) In operative paragraph 4, the word "General" was added before the word "Assembly".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.42, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 17, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.46 and L.59

9. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Nigeria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.46) entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Benin, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cuba, Japan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria and Uganda, joined subsequently by Bolivia, Guinea, Haiti, Kenya and the Sudan. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993 and 48/207 of 21 December 1993,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research 3/ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the activities of the Institute, 4/

"Recognizing the growing importance and relevance of training within the United Nations and the new training requirements of all Member States,

"Considering also the relevance of research activities undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research within its mandate,

"Acknowledging the importance for the restructured Institute of continuing to develop closer relationships with relevant national and international institutions in industrialized and developing countries in order to enable the United Nations system to respond to training needs in the most cost-effective manner and in the best interest of all Member States,

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3/ A/49/634.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/49/14).

"Taking note with satisfaction of the steps taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute which is once again becoming the dynamic training institution that it was originally intended to be,

"1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

"2. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to the restructured Institute, in particular to its General Fund, so as to assure its viability, and the further development of its training programmes;

"3. Reaffirms that the funding of training programmes held at the specific request of States Members of the United Nations, members of organs of the United Nations system or members of the specialized agencies should be arranged by the requesting parties;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, free of charge and without financial implications for the United Nations, office space in Geneva, within existing means, as well as the usual logistic and administrative support for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

"5. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide, free of charge and without financial implications for the Institute, liaison office space in New York, and requests within this context, the Board of Trustees to give the necessary attention to the matters with a view to avoiding any negative financial impact on the Institute;

"6. Invites the United Nations and its funds and programmes, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to develop their collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the aim of making the Institute an important provider of training and research for the United Nations system;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution."

10. On 2 December 1994, a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.46, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.2/49/L.52.

11. At the 34th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.59), submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.46.

12. The Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.59, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/49/L.66).

13. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement (see A/C.2/49/SR.34).

14. At its 34th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.59 without a vote (see para. 17, draft resolution II).

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, the United States of America, Japan, Nigeria, Austria, Australia and Pakistan (see A/C.2/49/SR.34).

16. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.59, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.46 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

17. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University in 1993, 5/ and its development in 1994, as presented orally by the Rector of the United Nations University on 7 November 1994, 6/

Taking note of decision 4.2.2 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and forty-fourth session, held in Paris from 25 April to 5 May 1994,

Expressing its deep appreciation for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Rector to reduce the administrative costs and consolidate the programme of the University, but concerned about the continuing financial difficulties it is experiencing,

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5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/49/31).

6/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 20th meeting.

Noting with appreciation also the decision of the Council to carry out a forward-looking assessment of the work the University has undertaken under its medium-term perspective for 1990-1995 in order to determine its future course,

Concerned that there is insufficient awareness of the work the University is doing, particularly among other United Nations organs, and that the results of that work are not used as extensively as they could be,

Recognizing that the University is making a growing number of contributions as a global reservoir of ideas for the international community in general and the United Nations system in particular, and expecting that these contributions will increase in the course of its third decade of existence, which commences next year,

1. Welcomes the fact that the Council of the United Nations University has initiated a process of consolidating the programme of the University and bringing it into closer correspondence with the priorities and concerns of the United Nations and the world academic community and stresses the need to continue this process;

2. Requests, in this connection, the Council and the Rector of the United Nations University to take further steps to promote the visibility of the University, particularly among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, to strengthen its links with them and to enhance the dissemination of the results of its work, and to include such steps in the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

3. Stresses the need to enhance further coordination and cooperation between the research and training centres of the University;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to consider innovative measures to improve the communication and interaction between the University and the other bodies in the United Nations system and to ensure the integration of the work of the University into all relevant activities of the United Nations system, taking into account General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992, so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

5. Requests the Council and the Rector to continue to make efforts to ensure the efficiency and economy of the activities of the University as well as its financial transparency and accountability, and to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund, and to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make efforts to ensure and enhance the real value of the capital of the Endowment Fund of the University;

7. Appeals to the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University, in particular to its Endowment Fund.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/180 of 19 December 1991, 47/227 of 8 April 1993 and 48/207 of 21 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research 7/ and the report of the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the activities of the Institute, 8/

Recognizing the growing importance and relevance of training within the United Nations and the new training requirements of all Member States,

Considering the relevance of research activities related to training undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research within its mandate,

Acknowledging the importance for the restructured Institute of continuing to develop closer relationships with relevant national and international institutions in industrialized and developing countries in order to enable the United Nations system to respond to training needs in the most cost-effective manner and in the best interest of all Member States,

Taking note with interest of the steps taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute with a view to making it the dynamic training institution that it was originally intended to be,

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

2. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to the restructured Institute, in particular to its General Fund, so as to assure its viability and the further development of its training programmes;

3. Reaffirms that the funding of all the administrative budget and the training programmes of the Institute shall be covered from voluntary contributions, donations, special-purpose grants and executing agency overheads;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide for the Institute in the future and retroactively since the move of its headquarters to Geneva at fair costs, based on the costs borne by the United Nations itself and ensuring an

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7/ A/49/634.

8/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/49/14).

equal treatment with other United Nations entities, office space at Geneva, as well as administrative and logistic support;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide for the Institute at fair costs, based on the costs borne by the United Nations itself and ensuring an equal treatment with other United Nations entities, liaison office space in New York, and, in this context, requests the Board of Trustees to give the necessary attention to these matters with a view to avoiding any negative financial impact on the Institute;

6. Invites the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the United Nations and its funds and programmes, including the United Nations Development Programme, to develop and intensify their collaboration, with the aim of making the Institute an important provider of training and training-related research for the United Nations system and to avoid unnecessary duplication of work;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen, in accordance with their respective mandates, the cooperation between the Institute and other qualified national and international institutions, including the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization at Turin, Italy;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution.

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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Agenda for development". The General Assembly also decided that the debate on the item should be held in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action on it would be taken in the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 30th and 35th meetings, on 29 November and 13 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.30 and 35).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on an agenda for development: recommendations (A/49/665);

(b) Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/49/320).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.41 AND L.70

4. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, joined subsequently by Australia and Mexico, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.41) entitled "An agenda for development", which read as follows:

"An agenda for development

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993,

"Taking note of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General on an agenda for development, 1/

"Welcoming the World Hearings on Development promoted by the President of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and convened in New York from 6 to 10 June 1993, which provided a substantive contribution to the ongoing debates on an agenda for development, and taking note with appreciation of the note by the President of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly containing his summary of the World Hearings on Development, 2/

"Noting the debates held within the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, and taking note with appreciation of the summary and conclusions of the President of the Council, 3/

"Underlining its commitment to the elaboration of an action-oriented consensual framework to promote international cooperation for development and to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the economic and social sectors,

"1. Decides to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to further elaborate an action-oriented, comprehensive agenda for development which should begin its work as early as possible in 1995;

"2. Requests the ad hoc opened-ended working group of the General Assembly, in its deliberations on its work, to take into account the recommendations presented by the Secretary-General pursuant to Assembly

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1/ A/48/689, A/48/935 and A/49/665.

2/ A/49/320, annex, sect. II.

3/ E/1994/109.

resolutions 47/181 and 48/166; the summary of the World Hearings on Development; 2/ the outcome of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council; and the views expressed by representatives in the high-level debate held during the present session of the Assembly, as well as the proposals presented by groups and/or States;

"3. Also requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to consider appropriate modalities for the adoption of an agenda for development, including the convening at an appropriate date of a United Nations conference on development;

"4. Further requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to submit a report on the progress of its work to the Assembly before the conclusion of its present session;

"5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for its fiftieth session the item entitled 'An agenda for development'."

5. At the 35th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Sher Afgan Khan (Pakistan), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.41.

6. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement pertaining to the conference-servicing implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/49/SR.35).

7. At its 35th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.70 without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, and Brazil made statements.

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.70, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.41 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Agenda for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993,

Taking note of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General on an Agenda for Development, 4/

Welcoming the World Hearings on Development promoted by the President of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and convened in New York from 6 to 10 June 1994, which provided a substantive contribution to the ongoing debates on an Agenda for Development, and taking note of the note by the President of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly and his summary of the World Hearings on Development, 5/

Noting the debates held within the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, and taking note of the summary and conclusions of the President of the Council, 6/

Underlining its commitment to the elaboration of an action-oriented consensual framework to promote international cooperation for development and to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the economic and social sectors,

1. Decides to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to elaborate further an action-oriented, comprehensive Agenda for Development, which should begin its work as early as possible in 1995;

2. Requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly, in its deliberations, to take into account the reports, and the recommendations contained therein, submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to Assembly resolutions 47/181 and 48/166, 4/ the outcome of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, the views expressed by representatives in the high-level debate held during the present session of the Assembly, as well as the summary of the World Hearings on Development, 5/ and proposals presented by groups and/or States, including the convening of a United Nations conference on development;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1995, to consider ways and means for the Council to give further substantive input to the work of the ad hoc working group;

4. Requests the ad hoc working group to consider appropriate modalities for the finalization and adoption of an Agenda for Development;

5. Also requests the ad hoc working group to submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly before the conclusion of its present session;

4/ A/48/689, A/48/935 and A/49/665.

5/ A/49/320, annex.

6/ E/1994/109.

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Agenda for Development".